

has the HSB punch neatly centered but inverted. This particular cover is now part of John's Baltimore Commercial Mail Exhibit.

H170 - The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company

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The Catalog of United States Perfins by Balough and Balough lists perfin pattern H170's user as being located in Hartford, Connecticut. The supplementary information lists H171 as being known as precanceled in Chicago, Illinois. A later correction changed the entry to pattern H170. An additional later correction added Denver, Colorado to the known locations.

Apparently, the company had multiple locations nationwide. Figure 1 (to the right), has been cropped to fit. It is a June 16, 1937 mailing from The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company, 704-709 Garrett Building, Baltimore, Maryland. The cover was acquired from the Perfins Club Cover Sales Division at a reasonable price. The 2 cent red Washington stamp used for franking



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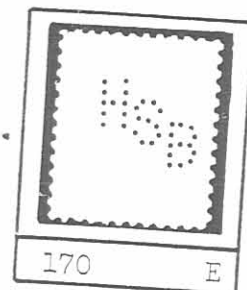
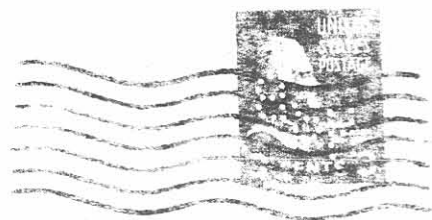


Figure 2.

Chuck discovered two additional locations of somewhat later usage. Figure 2, which illustrates one of these has been photographically cropped to fit the page. The company's Ohio address was 1904-12 Carew Tower, Cincinnati and the Missouri address illustrated in Figure 2 was 616 Security Building, Saint Louis. If members will check the corner card of their copies of H170, we may be able to determine all the cities in which this company had offices.

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Photocopies of the three covers have been forwarded to the US Catalog Editor, John Randall, with the recommendation that Baltimore, MD; Cincinnati, OH; Chicago, Illinois; Denver, Colorado; and St. Louis, MO be listed in the supplementary data section of the new catalog as additional offices of usage.